## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving from a user an affirmative indication via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system, wherein the system comprises a processing unit and the peripheral device; and

adjusting an original power policy ~~associated with the system~~ of the processing unit in response to the received indication.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the original power policy places the system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with at least one of: (i) a keyboard key press, (ii) mouse activity, and (iii) a device access.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the low-power state is associated with an advanced configuration and power interface low-power state.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the low-power state is associated with at least one of: (i) a global state, (ii) a device power state, (iii) a sleep state, (iv) a processor power state, and (v) a performance state.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

saving the original power policy.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

arranging for the system to enter a low-power state in accordance with ~~the adjusted~~ a second power policy,

wherein the adjusting comprises using the second power policy in response to the receiving of the affirmative indication.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving from a user via the peripheral device a second indication that the user is again using the system; and

restoring the original power policy ~~associated with the system~~ of the processing unit in response to the second indication.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system includes a processor and comprises at least one of: (i) a desktop personal computer; (ii) a mobile system, (iii) a workstation, (iv) a server, (v) a set top box, and (vi) a game system.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said receiving and said adjusting is performed by at least one of: (i) a software application, (ii) a hardware device, (iii) an operating system, (iv) a driver, and (v) a basic input/output system.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the received indication is a request to turn off a display unit associated with the system.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the original power policy is configurable by the user.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the original power policy is associated with operating system power management.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processing unit;

an input to receive an affirmative indication from a user via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system; and

a power policy adjustment unit to adjust an original power policy associated with the system of the processing unit in response to the received indication, wherein the adjusting comprises utilizing a second power policy in response to the receiving of the affirmative indication.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the original power policy places the system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with a user activity and said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:

receiving from a user an affirmative indication via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system, wherein the system comprises a processing unit and the peripheral device; and

adjusting an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication.~~receiving from a user an affirmative indication that the user is no longer using a system, and~~

~~adjusting an original power policy associated with the system in response to the received indication.~~

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the original power policy places the system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with a user activity and said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time.

18. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer~~ system, comprising:

a user display unit control input to receive a request to turn off a display unit associated with the computer system; and

an apparatus, including:

a processing unit;

an input to receive an affirmative indication from a user via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system; and

a power policy adjustment unit to adjust an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication, wherein the adjusting comprises utilizing a second power policy in response to the receiving of the affirmative indication.~~an operating system power management unit, and~~

~~a power policy adjustment unit to adjust an original power policy associated with the operating system power management unit in accordance with the received request.~~

21. (Original) The computer system of claim 20, wherein the original power policy places the computer system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with a user activity and said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time.